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SUBJ: KING FAISAL'S INTEREST IN STOPPING IN U.S. AFTER

HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA IN FEBRUARY

1. ON NOVEMBER 24,

THE CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, AHMED

'ABD AL-WAHAB, MENTIONED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT KING FAISAL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN STOPPING OFF IN WASHINGTON AFTER HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA IN FEBRUARY. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BROACHED THE IDEA IN A GENERAL WAY BUT THIS TIME HE WAS SPECIFIC IN MENTIONING FEBRUARY 15 OR 16 AS POSSIBLE DATES.

2. 'ABD AL-WAHAB (WHO, WE ARE CONFIDENT IS REFLECTING THE KING'S INTEREST IN A VISIT) IS NOT RPT NOT PROPOSING

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AN OFFICIAL VISIT. THE KING WOULD, HOWEVER, EXPECT TO

BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND TO BE ENTERTAINED BY HIM AT, FOR INSTANCE, A SMALL WORKING LUNCHEON.

3. RECOMMENDATION: IF THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, THAT THE AMBASSADOR BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND TO KING FAISAL THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO PAY AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 15 OR 16.
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